

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Asai, Takashi

SERIAL NO.: 10/550,402

FILED: September 21, 2005

FOR: Sun Visor for Vehicle and Method
of Manufacturing the Same

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ART UNIT: 3612

EXAMINER: Patel, Kiran B.

CONFIRMATION NO.: 2251

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 17, 2006

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, which states that the instant application allegedly contains claims directed to four patentably distinct species. Applicant responds as follows:

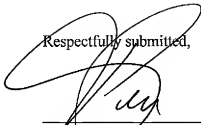
REMARKS

The Office Action asserts that the species of the claimed invention include: Species A – directed towards claim 5, a sun visor; Species B – directed to claims 6-8, a method of manufacturing a sun visor; Species C – directed towards claims 9-14, a sun visor to include a corner strut member; and Species D – directed towards claims 15-19, a method of manufacturing a sun visor. In response, Applicant elects Species C directed to claims 9-14. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments regarding this communication.

Applicant hereby seeks all extensions of time necessary to process this response. Should any fees have been inadvertently omitted, or if any additional fees are required, or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit to those fees to Deposit Account No. 03-2769

of Conley Rose, P.C., Houston, Texas and consider this paper a petition for any necessary extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Pierce', is written over a horizontal line.

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